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(Attorney Docket No. 20218US02)

In the Application of:

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For: MEMORY STRUCTURE FOR  
RESOLVING ADDRESSES IN A  
PACKET-BASED NETWORK  
SWITCH

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**I SUBMISSION OF SMALL ENTITY ASSERTION**

(complete (a) or (b))

- (a) ☐ Attached is an assertion of small entity status in this application.  
(b) ☐ An assertion of small entity status was filed in this application on \_\_\_\_\_.

**II REFUND REQUEST**

This request for refund is made for the fee which was paid in this application on March 2, 2009, in the amount of \$ 540.00 (Notice of Appeal fee).

It is believed that Applicant has a credit for one Notice of Appeal Fee that was paid with respect to a Previous Notice of Appeal Fee dated December 20, 2007.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Previous Notice of Appeal Fee paid with the Previous Notice of Appeal dated December 20, 2007 be applied to the Present Notice of Appeal Fee due with the Present Notice of Appeal dated March 2, 2009 in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 1207.04.

The prosecution history, in relevant part, is as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Notice of Appeal dated December 20, 2007 (\$510 fee paid)  
Pre-Appeal Brief filed on December 20, 2007  
Examiner reopens prosecution on February 29, 2008  
Examiner mails Office Action on May 13, 2008

Thus, the Examiner reopened prosecution of the present application without the Appeal Brief ever reaching the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for a decision on the merits.

Subsequently, Applicant filed a 2<sup>nd</sup> Notice of Appeal dated March 2, 2009. It is therefore believed that Applicant has a credit of \$510 for the 1<sup>st</sup> Notice of Appeal Fee paid back on December 20, 2007.

The relevant portion of the M.P.E.P. is M.P.E.P. § 1207.04, which states:

If, appellant elects to continue prosecution and prosecution was reopened prior to a decision on the merits by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, the fee paid for the notice of appeal, appeal brief, and request for oral hearing (if applicable) will be applied to a later appeal on the same application.

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<i>NOTE: The refund provisions of § 1.28(a), for later submitted small entity statements, apply to maintenance fees. Notice of July 30, 1984, 1046 O.G. 28-37.</i>	
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